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Cologne, June 2.

YEsterday Order was sent to the Inhabitants of the lower Part of this Dioceſs, to furniſh with all Neceſſaries the Pruſſian Troops that are about to march through that Part of the Country for Brabant. The Troops of Hanover and ſome ſay thoſe of Heſſe-Caſſel, are likewiſe coming from the middle Rhine for Brabant; and a Bridge is laid for them over the River Lane not far from Coblentz.

Liege, June 1. On Saturday laſt 5 Battalions of French approach'd the Caſtle of Namur to enter it; but the Spaniſh Governour that commands in it refus'd them Entrance, and on their advancing nearer fir'd upon them and made them retire.

Maeſtricht, June 2. We cannot ſufficiently wonder at the Number of Deſerters that ſtill come hither daily: Moſt of them are Germans and Swiſs.

From the Bruſſels Gazette, dated June 1.

Bruſſels, June 1. My Lord Duke of Marlborough came hither on Friday laſt in the Afternoon, accompanied by ſome General Officers of his Army, and attended by a Guard of Horſe. He was receiv'd and complimented without the Gate by the Magiſtrates in a Body, who preſented him the Keys in a gold Baſon. He receiv'd and treated them with great Affability; and entring the City viſited the Ladies of chief Quality, and at Night return'd to his Camp at Grimberg. The next Morning the Magiſtrates went in a Body to the Palace of Naſſau, to compliment his Excellency General Churchill Governor of this City and its Dependencies, and make him the uſual honorary Preſent of Wine. The ſame Day an Order was publiſh'd by that General, commanding thoſe that have any Effects belonging to the French or to other Perſons that are in Arms againſt King Charles III, to diſcover them, on the penalty of a Fine of 300 Florins, and of further diſcretionary Puniſhment.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated June 5.

Bruſſels, June 2. The 31ſt *ult.* in the Morning, the Army of the 2 Crowns retir'd from Gavre to the ſtrong Camp of Pont Eſpiers; but 'tis believ'd they will not dare to make a ſtand there. The Spaniards and Bavarians deſert ſo faſt that ſeveral Regiments of their Army have not above 60 Men left. The following Order has been printed and publiſh'd here.

JOhn Duke and Earl of Marlborough, Prince of the holy Roman Empire, Marquis of Blandford, Baron Churchill of Aymouth and Sandrige, one of Her Britannick Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy Council, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, Maſter General of the Ordnance, Collonel of the firſt Regiment of Her Majeſty's Guards, Captain General of Her Land Forces, and Commander in chief of the Army of the Allies.

Whereas God has graciouſly bleſs'd the Juſt Arms of the Allies with a Victory over the French Forces, and thereby brought us into the Spaniſh Netherlands, which Provinces we acknowledge to belong rightfully to his Catholick Majeſty King Charles III; we are reſolv'd to protect theſe Provinces and maintain all their Inhabitants in the quiet poſſeſſion of their Eſtates and Effects, as good Subjects of his ſaid Majeſty. Wherefore by theſe preſents we forbid all the Officers and Soldiers of our Army, to do the leaſt Hurt to the ſaid Inhabitants; but on the contrary command them to give them all the Help and Aſſiſtance they ſhall require: And declare, that if any Soldier ſhall be taken plundering or doing any other Damage to the ſaid Inhabitants, their Houſes, Cattle, Moveables or other Goods, he ſhall immediately be puniſh'd with Death. And the more effectually to reſtrain Maroders, and oblige the Officers to keep their Soldiers under ſtrict Diſcipline, we further declare, that the Regiments or Corps, to which any Soldiers taken tranſgreſſing his our Order belong, ſhall be oblig'd to make good to the ſaid Inhabitants all the Loſs and Damage they may have ſuſtain'd, without any other Form of Proceſs than the apprehending of ſuch Soldiers in the Fact, who (as is aboveſaid) ſhall ſuffer Death without Mercy. And that no Perſon may pretend Ignorance hereof, we command that theſe preſents be forthwith read and publiſh'd at the Head of each Squadron and Battallion of our Army; and that a printed Copy be diſtributed to each Company. Given in our Camp at Beaulieu the 26th of May, 1706.

Sign'd,

The Prince and Duke of Marlborough.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated June 4.

'An Extract of a Letter written from the Army of 'the Allies encamp'd at Meerlebeck.

THE 27th our Army paſs'd the Canal of Bruſſels, as I ſaid in my former [ſee yeſterday's Courant] and encamp'd at Grimberg. That Day we heard Aloſt had declar'd for us. 'Tis hard to believe what great Complaints are made of the French in this Country: They treated the Inhabitants with extraordinary Rigour, pillaging all, the very Churches not eſcaping their rapacious Hands; not to mention the Taxes they impos'd, which were exceedingly greater than were ever paid to the Houſe of Auſtria. Conſidering they compell'd the Young Men to draw Lots who ſhould ſerve in their Armies, and took by Force whatever they had a Mind to, we do not wonder the People in general expreſs ſo great a Hatred for them: Hence it comes that we are receiv'd every where as Deliverers of the Country, and the Clergy are not the backwardeſt to ſhew their Joy. We are told by ſome Officers our Priſoners, that the Enemy's Generals are ſo deeply troubled for their Defeat, that they have not been able to refrain from Tears, eſpecially the Elector of Bavaria; whoſe Troops behav'd themſelves very gallantly, to the Reproach of the French. The Number of kill'd and wounded on both Sides, is not ſo conſiderable as from the Greatneſs of the Action was at firſt imagin'd: But what renders our Victory moſt remarkable, is the Number of the Priſoners, and the unaccountably great Deſertion, which continues to this very time, at an aſtoniſhing Rate. One thing is very diſputable and that is which Side underwent with greateſt Vigour and Patience the extraordinary March made on the Day of the Battle, almoſt without Eating or Drinking. For, the Enemy came from Tirlemont to Ramellies, which is 3 Leagues, with great Expedition; while we march'd over almoſt as much Ground, from the Mill of Warem to the Field of Battle: And after the Fight, the Enemy fled, and we purſued, without Stop or Stay, as far as Louvain; during which long and tireſome March, neither one nor t'other loſt Time to Eat or Drink. So many Flemmings and Swiſs have taken on in our Troops, that we reckon our Army is 2000 Men ſtronger than it was before the Battle.

'The 28th and 29th the Army continued at Grimberg; the 30th advanc'd to Aloſt; and to Day to this Place. Meerlebeck is within a League and a half of Ghent, which the French have abandon'd. Brigadier Cadogan approaching that Town when the laſt Battallion of French were marching out of it, the Inhabitants appear'd in great Number on the Walls, and call'd out with great Joy *Welcome, Welcome.* They would have let him into the Town, telling

telling him there were in the Caſtle only ſome Spaniſh Troops that were diſpos'd to lay down their Arms; but the Brigadier contented himſelf with making a Report to our Generals and to the States Deputies.

The Army has Plenty of all things, the Camp being well ſupplied by the Peaſants, who are encourag'd to bring in their Proviſions by the extraordinary Diſcipline obſerv'd in our Camp; for 4 or 5 Soldiers that ſtole ſome Chickens, were immediately hang'd.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated June 5.

From the Camp at Meerlebeck, *May* 31. We find an endleſs Plenty of Forrage in this rich Country. The Enemy are retir'd within their old Line near Courtray, in the greateſt Conſternation, and in Want of all Neceſſaries, even of Tents; ſo that the Canopy of Heaven is all their Covering. We took above 1200 of their Waggons. We ſhall follow them ſtill.

From the Camp at Meerlebeck, June 3. The 1ſt of this Month Major General Roſs with a Detachment of 600 Horſe was ſent by the Duke of Marlborough to Bruges, with Letters to invite the Magiſtrates of that City and the Franc to the Obedience of King Charles III. his Grace at the ſame time ſent Brigadier Cadogan and Brigadier Dewitz with 6 Squadrons each, and Letters to the ſame Effect, the firſt to Antwerp, the other to the Governour of Oudenarde. The ſame Day the Magiſtrates of the City of Ghent came hither to Compliment my Lord Duke, who exhorted them to follow the Example of the Cities of Brabant, and Acknowledge King Charles. Count Corneille de Naſſau, Son to Monſieur d'Auverquerque, with 2 Battallions march'd into Ghent; upon which, Yeſterday very early in the Morning, after ſome Difficulty the Prince of Vincimille gave up the Caſtle, and the Marquis de los Rios's Regiment that was in Garriſon there, ſurrendred themſelves Priſoners of War. My Lord Duke went about Noon to Ghent, and was met at the Gate by the Magiſtrates, who Preſented him the three Keys, in a Gold Baſon, which his Grace Return'd; and afterwards was Entertain'd at Dinner by the Count de Naſſau: In the Evening the Magiſtrates attended his Grace agen at his Quarters, and repeated their former Submiſſion to King Charles. Brigadier Dewitz ſent his Grace word at the ſame time, that at his coming before Oudenarde he had ſummon'd the Garriſon conſiſting of One Spaniſh and Two French Battallions, who refuſed to ſurrender: But that he had Intelligence that if a ſmall Body of Foot with Cannon appear'd, there was no doubt but they wou'd Capitulate; whereupon Lieutenant General Scholten march'd with ſeven Battallions, four Pieces of Cannon and two Mortars; upon whoſe Appearance the Garriſon ſurrendred this Morning, being permitted to march out; the French are gone to Courtray, and the Spaniards towards Mons. This Morning early his Grace receiv'd Letters from Major General Roſs and Brigadier Cadogan; the firſt adviſing that on his approaching Bruges, the French Battallions that were there retir'd, and the Magiſtrates were very deſirous to ſubmit themſelves to King Charles: The latter acquainting his Grace that there were 10 Battallions in the City or Caſtle of Antwerp, who ſeem'd to inclin'd to ſurrender on honourable Terms. Whereupon My Lord Duke has ſent the Brigadier an Authority to treat with them. To Morrow we hope to have an Account that they have agreed a Capitulation. About Nine a Clock the Magiſtrates of Bruges and of the Franc waited on his Grace, to Pray his Protection, and make their Submiſſion in Form to King Charles. His Grace had alſo Notice that the Enemy had quitted Damme, and that Fifty Dragoons of Major-General Roſs's Detachment were gone to take Poſſeſſion of that Place, who have been Reliev'd to Day by a Dutch Regiment out of Flanders, and another is March'd into Bruges; there are Eleven more Regiments of the Flanders Garriſons ready to Joyn Us. Upon this Encouragement, my Lord Duke has thought fit to ſend Colonel Durell this Afternoon with a Detachment of a Hundred and Fifty Horſe, and a Letter to the Governour of Dendermond, to Summon that Place to the Obedience of King Charles: A Letter is likewiſe ſent to Major General R ſs for the Governour of Oſtende, to the ſame Purpoſe. The Bridges being laid over the Schelde and the Lys, the Army *Marches* to Morrow to Deinſe. The French Army is retir'd behind Menin, and Monſieur Marſin is within reach to Joyn them with Eighteen Battalions and Nine Squadrons.

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Ghent, June 2. This Morning 4 Deputies of the Royal Council of this Province went to compliment the Duke of Marlborough, who about Noon enter'd this City, ſaluted with a triple Diſcharge of our Cannon; At the Gate the Keys were preſented to him by the Magiſtrates. His Highneſs rode to our Caſtle, and having view'd it, came from thence through the City to the Town-houſe, the Streets being throng'd with People making joyful Acclamations; He was entertain'd with a Dinner in the Town-houſe; was afterwards ſhewn the Prince's Palace, in which the Emperor Charles V was born, and then rode back to his Camp at Meerlebeck, a triple Diſcharge of our Cannon being made at his Departure. The Count of Naſſau, Son of Monſieur d' Auvetquerque is made our Governour. An Order is publiſh'd here, enjoyning thoſe who have any Effects of the Subjects of France, to diſcover them. The Troops of the Allies keep very good Order. The French Army is near Pont d' Eſpiers, within their old Lines which they are fortifying. To morrow the Allies will purſue their March after them. Abundance of Deſerters from the French come hither, even 40 or 50 together.

Liſle, June 1. We are in the utmoſt Conſternation here, at the coming of the Armies into our Neighbourhood. We have Advice here, that King Charles III was proclaim'd at Madrid the 17th Inſtant.

Courtray, June 2. The Remains of the Army of the 2 Crowns is come into the Neighbourhood of this Place; the Spaniſh Troops being unwilling to ſerve in the French Territories, have ſeparated themſelves from the French, and are march'd to Mons and Namur. The French are march'd to their Towns hereabouts, pretending to put their Foot into them, and to keep only a flying Body of Horſe in the Field. Monſieur de Chamillard is come from Paris to Liſle.

Dendermonde May 31. The Ground about this Place is laid under Water. A French Regiment is garriſon'd here, and ſeems determin'd to make a Defence.

Antwerp. June 3. The 1ſt Inſtant the French Forces retir'd out of the Lines and ſmall Forts in Flanders into this City. Yeſterday about 1200 Men of the Troops of the Allies, came to Borgt on the other ſide of the Schelde; about Noon 2 of their Collonels came with with a Secretary to the Flemiſh Head, and ſent a Trumpeter to ſummon this City; whereupon our Governour M. Pointi, with M. Wortenfeld and others, went out beyond the Barriere of the Bridge, had a Conference of half an Hour with thoſe Collonels, and 'tis ſuppos'd agreed on a Capitulation. Yeſterday the French ſold as much of their Effects as they could, and to day are packing up their Baggage. 'Tis talk'd the French Commiſſary, Treaſurer, and Poſtmaſter are already gone. The ſaid Detachment of the Troops of the Allies is expected to come in here at 4 this Afternoon: Some Barrels of Beer are already ſent out to them, and the Corps de Gards are making clean for them. We hear 'tis ſtipulated by the Capitulation, that 3 Battallions of French that are in this City, ſhall march out unmoleſted, and accordingly they are now getting ready to march out. Some Dutch Officers are juſt now come into the City. Our Spaniſh Garriſon is in the Caſtle. We have Advice, that King Charles III. was proclaim'd in Madrid the 17th of laſt Month

From the Harlem Courant, dated June 5.

Amſterdam, June 4. By Letters from Brabant juſt now arriv'd we are inform'd the important Poſt of Pont Eſpiers [at the End of the Enemy's old Line that reaches from Menin on the Lis to this Bridge on the Schelde] is in the poſſeſſion of ſome Troops of the Allies.

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